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| Notice of Allowability | Application No. | Applicant(s) | |
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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the Amendment filed 17 April 2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,2,5-8,12,13,17,21,25,26,28 and 29.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____ |
| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____ | 7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |


MITRA ARYANPOUR
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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Michael S. Neustel on 21 April 2006.

The application has been amended in the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Amended) A hockey training system, comprising:

a base useable by a user as a slide board in a sliding position;

a pair of platforms positionable upon said base in either a plurality of angled plyometrics position or a stepping box position;

at least one cover member positionable upon an upper portion of said base for a user to stand upon;

a shooting member having an outer edge for allowing a user to practice shooting hockey pucks upon while standing upon said at least one cover member, wherein said shooting member has an upper slippery surface;

a net positionable at an end of said shooting member for arresting hockey pucks; and

at least one reserve unit positionable upon an end of said base, wherein said at least one reserve unit is designed to retain and dispense a plurality of pucks, and wherein said at least one reserve unit includes a side opening for allowing a user to remove hockey pucks from said at least one reserve unit.

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Claim 21 (Amended) A hockey training system, comprising:

a base useable by a user as a slide board in a sliding position;

a pair of platforms positionable upon said base in either a plyometrics position or a stepping box position;

at least one cover member positionable upon an upper portion of said base for a user to stand upon and a shooting member for allowing a user to practice shooting hockey pucks upon while standing upon said at least one cover member; and

a net positionable at an end of said shooting member for arresting hockey pucks.

Claim 26 (Amended) The hockey training system of claim 21, wherein said pair of platforms each include a pair of adjustable outer legs thereby angling said pair of platforms inwardly in a plyometrics position; and

wherein said pair of platforms each include a pair of adjustable inner legs to create a stepping box position.

Claim 27 (Canceled).

NOTE: The above changes have been made to overcome informalities, in order to put this application in condition for allowance.

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Claims 1, 2, 5-8, 12, 13 and 17 are allowable over the prior art of record, because the prior art does not show or suggest the combination of a hockey training system comprising a base, a pair of platforms adjustably positionable on the base in either a plyometrics position or a stepping box position, at least one cover member positionable on an upper portion of the base for a user to stand on, a

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shooting member having an upper slippery surface for allowing a user to practice shooting hockey pucks, a net positionable at an end of the shooting member, and at least one reserve unit positionable upon an end of the base for retaining and dispensing a plurality of pucks wherein the reserve unit includes a side opening for allowing a user to remove hockey pucks from the at least one reserve. Claims 21, 25, 26, 28 and 29 are allowable over the prior art of record, because the prior art does not show or suggest the combination of a hockey training system comprising a base, a pair of platforms adjustably positionable on the base in either a plyometrics position or a stepping box position, at least one cover member positionable on an upper portion of the base for a user to stand on, a shooting member for allowing a user to practice shooting hockey pucks, a net positionable at an end of the shooting member for arresting the impacted hockey pucks.

3. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

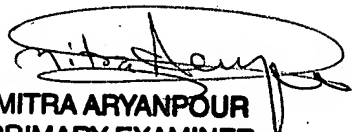
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mitra Aryanpour whose telephone number is 571-272-4405. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday 10:00 to 6:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gene Kim can be reached on 571-272-4463. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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